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Letter dated 18 March 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a complaint against Israel, which on 19 February 2013 intercepted a patrol belonging to the Indian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
Ambassador
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The Lebanese Republic

Ministry of National Defence

Army Command

Chief of Staff for Operations

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To: Ministry of National Defence

Subject: Interception by Israeli enemy forces of United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) troops

Army Command should like to draw attention to the following:

At 1300 hours on 19 February 2013, on the dirt road adjacent to the line of withdrawal and opposite the Indian contingent's OP3 post at Saddanah, three Israeli enemy tanks took up positions behind some earthen berms. A number of enemy troops disembarked from the tanks and deployed themselves next to the berms. Those troops, along with the soldiers who remained inside the tanks, then took up combat positions. The tanks also aimed their heavy and medium weapons, including cannons and 12.7 mm machine guns, at members of the Indian contingent.

We propose that a letter should be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants with a view to drawing attention in international forums to the violations committed by the Israeli enemy and its provocative actions against UNIFIL troops. Such actions violate the terms of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) and impede the Force's movement and endanger the safety and security of its troops.

(*Signed*) General **Qahwaji**
Army Commander
Yarze, 9 February 2013